

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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**THE HAWAII SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION'S FINAL STATEMENT OF
POSITION REGARDING DECOUPLING FOR HECO/MECO/HELCO**

TO THE HONORABLE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE
OF HAWAII:

Pursuant to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission's (the
"Commission") Order Approving the HECO Companies' Proposed
Procedural Order, as Modified, the Hawaii Solar Energy
Association ("HSEA") hereby submits to the Commission its
Final Statement of Position Regarding the Implementing a
Decoupling Mechanism for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.,
Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric
Company, Limited.

Position Summary

HSEA's primary interest in this docket is the reduction or elimination of the disincentive the HECO Companies face in interconnecting non-utility owned renewables, especially distributed renewables, to the HECO, MECO and HELCO grids.

HSEA does not believe that decoupling alone will reduce or eliminate this disincentive. Therefore, an additional mechanism is necessary to ensure that the HECO Companies' behavior under decoupling is consistent with the goals of the October 3, 2009 Energy Agreement (hereafter "the Energy Agreement") between the HECO Companies and the State of Hawaii.


The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (hereafter "DBEDT") has proposed linking the HECO Companies' ability to decouple revenues from sales to the achievement of the goals of the Energy Agreement and/or to substantial progress toward these goals. HSEA supports such a proposal that seeks to structure and monitor the HECO Companies pursuit of the goals laid out in the Energy Agreement.

HSEA believes that a system of linkages will result in the

highest likelihood that the State of Hawaii will achieve the energy security, climate change, and economic development goals that motivated its participation in the Energy Agreement.

Finally, HSEA notes that there is no guarantee that decoupling revenues of the utility from sales, as envisioned in Section 28 of the Energy Agreement, will result in more rapid penetration of renewables onto the HECO Companies grids or reduce the disincentive the HECO Companies' face to interconnecting renewables. HSEA believes that some mechanism for reducing this disincentive and/or motivating the HECO Companies to overcome it is an essential outcome of this docket.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, May 10, 2009.



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the Hawaii Solar Energy Association's Final Statement of Position in Docket Number 2008-0274, by electronic transmission on the date of signature to each of the parties listed below.

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